departments, the most important of which is the Desert Development Programme (DDP), a central sector scheme of the Department of Rural Development.

**Report of the Kudal Commission**

747. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 469 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th January, 1985 and state:

(a) whether the study of the several reports submitted by the Kudal Com mission has since been completed by Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the recommendations made by Kudal Commission have since been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRX OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The Kudal Commission of Inquiry has submitted six interim reports and a final report. The 1st Report and 2nd & 3rd reports alongwth 'Action Taken Memorandum' were placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha on 4-12-85 and 7-5-8161 respectively. Thfe remaining reports are being studied by the Gov ernment.

**Setting up of Development Boards in Maharashtra**

748. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 433 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th January, 1985 and state:

(a) whther any final decision has since been taken to set up Development Boards for Vidharbha, Mara-thwada and for the rest of Maharashtra; and

(b) if not, what a're the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI pANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The matter is still being pursued with the Government of Maharashtra.

**Removal of Shri Venkateswaran, Former Foreign Secretary**

749. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's atten tion has been drawn to a news report which appeared in the Indian Express of the 22nd February, 1987 to the effect that in an extraordinary session, members of the Indian Foreign Ser vice Association had expressed their resentment over the manner in which the removal of Shri Venkateswaran, former Foreign Secretary, was announced during Prime Minister's Press Conference;

(ib) whether he had received the resolution;

(c) if so, the contents thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether the se'rvice officers felt demoralised?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (3HRI NARAYAN DATT TTWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some members of the IFS Association met the External Affairs Minister on January 22 and handed over to him a copy of the resolution passed by the Association.

(c) The resolution passed by the IFS Association was treated by that body as an internal matter and is not

meant *tor* public circulation . The fact of the resolution has been taken note of.

(d) It is expected that officers of the Indian Foreign Service will continue to perform their duties with zeal and efficiency.

**Industrial Mishaps**

750. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in industrial mishaps in India as compared to those in other Asian countries; and

(b) if so, what are the new safety-measures to be adopted by Government to avoid large scale indusfrial accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE; OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The number of industrial accidents in the country, both fatal and non-fatal for the period from 1981 to 1983 is as under: —

| Year | Fatal Accidents | Non-fatal accidents |
|---|---|---|
| 1981. . . | 105 | 13,232 |
| 1982. . . | 80 | 10,194 |
| 1983. . . | 41 | 6,176 |

Comparable figures in respect of other Asian countries are not available.

(b) The Factories Act, 1948 lays down a number of provisions for ensuring safety in manufacturing processes. The i-espoinsibilfity for enforcement of the provisions of the Factories Act lies with the State/ Union Territory Administrations. The Central Government also issues guidelines to States/Union Territory Administrations from time to time regarding enforcement of safety provisions and meeting emergencies. The State Factdry Inspectors have also been trained abroad in the latest methods of accident prevention, air monitoring and pollution control etc. A Bill to amend the Factories Act, 1948 with a view to making safety provisions more stringent and effective was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 2nd December, 1986. State Governments have also taken steps to strengthen the enforcement machinery.

**Sen Committee Recommendations on Indian Missions Abroad**

751. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the terms of reference of the Sen Committee on rationalisation of working of Indian Missions abroad; and

(b) what were its recommendations and what were the decisions of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The terms of reference of the Sen Committee to review the working of the Indian Missions abroad read as follows:

"The Committee will review the working of the Missions and make recommendations on: —

(i) measures fort improving efficiency and effectiveness, and ensuring economies in expenditure;

(ii) the scale of representation and the geographic locations of Missions in the light of India's interest, the present improvements and future potential of political, economic and other relations with the countries in which the Missions are located; and

(iii) the need for and scale of separate staff of other Ministries and Departments of Government in